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Beat the Tories In the Primaries

TOMORROW'S New York primaries are the high point in the 1946 pre-election contests held throughout the nation these several months.

The swing to reaction, which monopoly had confidently expected in these Congressional primaries, has thus far failed to materialize. While there has been no decisive change in the character of Congress, all significant changes that have taken place, except for the defeat of Luther Patrick in Alabama, have been in the direction of progress.

It is within the power of the citizens of New York to see to it that the changes made continue in that direction without setbacks.

To a greater extent, perhaps, than elsewhere, labor and its progressive allies have united to see that the most advanced spokesmen for progress in Congress and the State Legislature are re-elected and that others are added.

Of top significance for the nation is the drive to re-elect Rep. Vito Marcantonio in the 18th Congressional District. No member of Congress can approach the record Rep. Marcantonio has rung up on every issue affecting the lives of the American people.

He was among the organizers of the Congressional committee to win the peace and of the Congressional committee to protect the consumer. He led the floor fight against the atrocious first OPA bill which President Truman later vetoed and was among those who fought most bitterly for extension of OPA without amendments.

Sponsor and manager of the anti-polltax bill, he steered it through the House on several occasions, only to be blocked by the filibuster in the Senate.

Bitterly and persistently has he fought the Southern Tories and their Northern allies to try to put through the permanent FEPC.

It was he who steered the floor fight to sustain the Truman veto of the anti-union Case bill. He was one of a tiny handful of courageous Congressmen who did not permit themselves to be stampeded into voting for the Truman draft-strikers measure.

The veterans have had no more persistent champion in Congress in the struggle for housing, for liberalization of the GI Bill of Rights, for aid to disabled vets. Almost single-handedly he compelled Rep. John Rankin to accept the bill to give special care to veteran amputees after the Mississippi polltaxer tried to bottle up the measure in his committee.

His nomination in all primaries becomes the first job of all trade unionists and other progressives in New York.

In the 17th, a small band of liberal Republicans is bucking the powerful Dewey GOP machine in order to return to Congress one of the few Republicans, Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin, who took seriously the platform pledges which the GOP had made by way of demagoguery in 1944. It is characteristic of the GOP that the machine has chosen as the man to defeat Baldwin State Sen. Frederic R. Coudert, New York's "Little Dies," and a thorough reactionary, whose law firm was associated with the notorious collaborationist regime of France.

In the 22d, Rep. A. Clayton Powell, first Negro to be

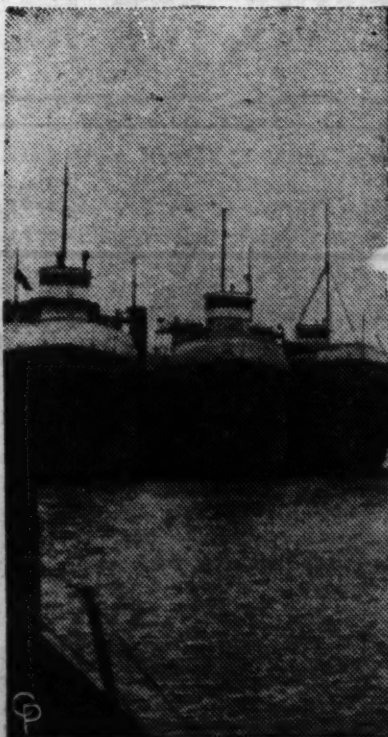
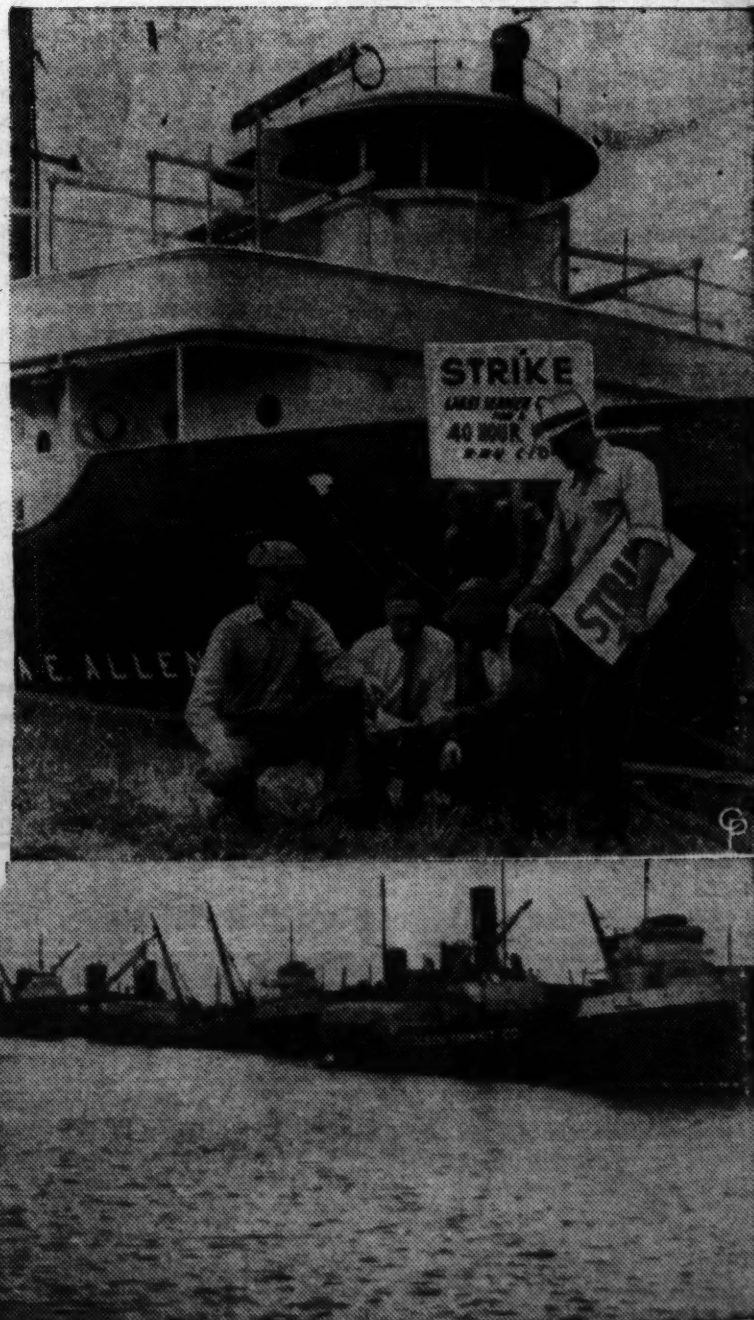
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Mob Terror Faces

Negroes in Alabama

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PICTURES DON'T LIE, but bosses do. Despite the claims of the Great Lakes shipowners, 4,000 seamen have hit the bricks for the 40-hour week. At the Shell docks in Toledo, O. (right), a group of seamen shoot the breeze before an idle ship. Below, a shot of the normally busy Detroit harbor. (See story, page 3.)



WORLD EVENTS

Prospects Dim for End Of Peace Parley Soon

PARIS, Aug. 18 (UP).—Nine Peace Conference committees meet tomorrow and hope during the week to get to grips with details of the five Axis peace treaties under consideration by the 21 United Nations.

Chief delegates have abandoned hope that the conference could end in time for the scheduled General Assembly of the United Nations in New York Sept. 23.

Mexico, Cuba, Egypt, Iran and Albania are to address the plenary conference starting Tuesday and Austria is to be heard some time this week.

In the communities such serious disputes as free navigation of the Danube, civil aviation rights, equal trade facilities and reparations must be fought out.

The Big Four, and the nations which follow them, are sharply divided on almost all matters in dispute.

There was increasing discussion of what to do about the prospective clash in meeting times of the conference and the UN assembly. Agreed for once, both the United States and Soviet delegates believe the peace conference should continue.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes conferred last night and in the early hours of this morning with Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy American commander in chief in Germany, on increasingly critical German economic problems. Clay came here specially for the talk and flew back to Berlin this afternoon. Neither Byrnes nor Clay would discuss their talk.

The Free Danube

- Our Free Enterprisers Get Sore
- Liberated Countries Turn East

By James S. Allen

Nothing at Paris has aroused Secretary Byrnes more than Molotov's brief but precise reference to the designs of the trusts and cartels upon Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean area. In laying bare the real meaning of "equal economic opportunity" as used in the American expansionist crusade, the Soviet Foreign Minister touched the most sacred of all the rights that Byrnes is defending so courageously at the Peace Conference.

That slogan, together with the other battlecries of free enterprise, has a fine ring, especially on the cash-register. While Byrnes indignantly protests that we are motivated only by the highest "principles of justice, freedom and equality," the highest officers of the biggest American trusts are knocking upon the doors of every European country.

It is Byrnes' idea that the Danube would be free if its shores were lined with Standard Oil Co. oil tanks and Pan-American airfields, its cities dotted with branches of the National City Bank of New York, its terminal railroads financed by Morgan or Kuhn-Loeb, its shipping controlled by U. S. Export Lines, and its entire length through six countries patrolled by American destroyers.

FOR A LONG TIME the countries of Eastern Europe and the Balkans have been colonized, retarded and repressed by foreign monopoly capital. During the war, together with their French and Italian cartel satellites the Germans turned Eastern Europe into an adjunct of the Goering Trust, I. G. Farben and the Stahlverein.

A leading aim of Byrnes' diplomacy is to help trusts incorporated in Maryland to take over this former Nazi network in the Danube Valley—from Romania and Bulgaria to Czechoslovakia.

Our free-enterprisers are therefore quite irritated by the new democratic governments along the Danube that have nationalized industry, uprooted the main internal source of reaction by the agrarian reform, and are now rather stubbornly opposed to having their country invaded by trusts from across the Atlantic.

Wall Street's elite are no less irritated by the Soviet Union, which has taken over former enemy assets in Eastern Europe in accordance with the Potsdam agreement, but in such a fashion as to thwart the expansionist aims of the Anglo-American trusts.

THE RUMPUSS RAISED by the State Department over the so-called "fifty-fifty" companies in Hungary and elsewhere reflects the resentment of our monopolists at being shut out of this area, and at being prevented from taking over where the Germans left off.

But while Byrnes fights on the diplomatic front for free access of American capital, the capitalists themselves are rushing into every available "free" area to take over whole industries and sectors of trade.

Their principle of division is far from fifty-fifty. The American trusts will divide only when they have to, that is, when their rival British, French or German monopolists are powerful enough in this or that place to force a sharing of spoils.

FAR FROM MONOPOLIZING enemy assets, the Soviet Union is not even taking full advantage of the Potsdam accord which entitles it to all such property in Eastern Europe. Instead, the joint companies have been organized as a means of sharing with the people of these countries the control of factories, railroads, mines and other enterprises formerly owned by German cartels and their agents.

Here, for the first time in their history the peoples are beginning to have something to say about vital economic matters.

The Danube River is the great natural waterway between the Black Sea ports of the Soviet Union and six European states. Due to the prewar blockade and economic boycott against the Soviet Union, this river could not fulfill this natural function. But now that the Danubian valley is at last becoming free, the liberated countries along its shores can turn to the East as well as the West to achieve the full benefits of their postwar democratic reforms.

Evatt Asks Human Rights Court

Herbert V. Evatt, chief Australian Peace Conference delegate, proposed last night a "Court of Human Rights" to insure for minority populations affected by peace treaties "some of the inalienable rights and freedom of man as man."

Evatt's proposal would "protect" minority populations to be ceded by the Five Axis countries for whom treaties are being written in Paris. However,

Jews Try To Scuttle Ship, Drown Selves In Haifa

JERUSALEM, Palestine, Aug. 18.

—Jewish refugees who had been forced aboard the British transport Empire Heywood with tear gas and fire hoses tried to blow a hole in the bottom of the ship and sink it and themselves in Haifa Harbor today.

Explosions shook the Empire Heywood, as she and a sister ship, the Empire Rival, were clearing Haifa Harbor before sun-up for Cyprus, where the Jews will be put into detention camps with 1,300 who arrived earlier.

The Empire Heywood returned to port and a search of the approximately 650 refugees aboard turned up a hidden store of Gellignite. It was a mystery how the Jews obtained it, since all were searched before they were put aboard.

Damage evidently was not great, because it was said the Heywood will sail for Cyprus later today. Trouble began during the night when British troops started to move the Jews from the ships that had brought them to Haifa from Europe, the so-called "floating sewers" Fenice and Twenty-Three.

The Jews pulled up rope ladders which had been thrown over the side of one immigrant ship, then hurled their luggage at the heads of British soldiers trying to climb aboard.

Only after tear gas bombs were thrown into the ship and fire hoses played upon the passengers did they move to the Empire Heywood.

USSR Asks New Straits Pact

The Soviet Union feels the Dardanelles should be organized on the same principle as the Panama or the Suez Canals, it was disclosed yesterday by a commentator in the Soviet Communist paper, Pravda.

The USSR is urging control of the Straits by the Black Sea powers, with unlimited entrance for all shipping in peace-time, but limitations on non-Black Sea powers in wartime. The Dardanelles would be fortified jointly by the USSR and Turkey. The latter opposes this plan, relying on Anglo American support.

The Soviet press compared the exclusive American control of Panama Canal and the British regime at Suez.

BATTLE BRITISH ON CYPRUS

LIMASSOL, Cyprus, Aug. 18 (UP).—Jewish refugees interned at Famagusta broke through barbed wire fences in an angry demonstration today and guards fired shots into the air before they were herded back into their camp.

The outbreak occurred when correspondents arrived to interview the refugees, first here under the British policy of deporting illegal immigrants from Palestine.

As the correspondents approached, the refugees began shouting and singing Jewish songs.

About 500 Greeks incarcerated here by Britain, joined the demonstrators. They complained to cor-

respondents about their treatment in their camps.

Jews from Poland, Hungary, Austria, Romania, France and Greece told how they went to Italy and embarked there on two small ships bound for Palestine, where the British intercepted them, after resistance.

They charged the British used tear gas and hot water to break resistance and they surrendered only because of their children.



No "Promised Land" Here: Men and women jam cramped quarters aboard Jewish refugee ship at Haifa, Palestine. Aboard the ship for more than a month, they were allowed only 10 minutes in the "promised Land" before being shipped by the British to concentration camps in Cyprus.

WORLD BRIEFS

MRS. FDR HEADS GREEK RELIEF

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT has agreed to serve as honorary chairman of the American Relief for Greek Democracy, chairman Robert St. John announced yesterday. One hundred committees are being organized to get food and clothing shipments to the Greek democrats.

MAYOR WILLIAM O'DWYER'S protest on the Kielce pogrom have been recorded by the World Jewish Congress and will be re-broadcast in Palestine through cooperation of the Polish government.

INDONESIAN - AMERICANS, who served with the U. S. Army, held a banquet Saturday night at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn,

commemorating the first anniversary of the Indonesian Republic and protesting continued American aid to the Anglo-Dutch invaders. Among the speakers were Peter Simaptupang, head of the Indonesian War Veterans; David Shvika of the NMU, Louis Jeffers of the United Negro and Allied Veterans; and secretary Milton Wolfe of the Action Committee to Free Spain.

AMBASSADOR to Belgrade, Richard C. Patterson, declared yesterday that Yugoslav fighter planes which forced down a U. S. military transport on Aug. 9 had fired bullets at the plane. One passenger, a Turk, was wounded. Flyers are being held under strict guard in Ljubljana but are well

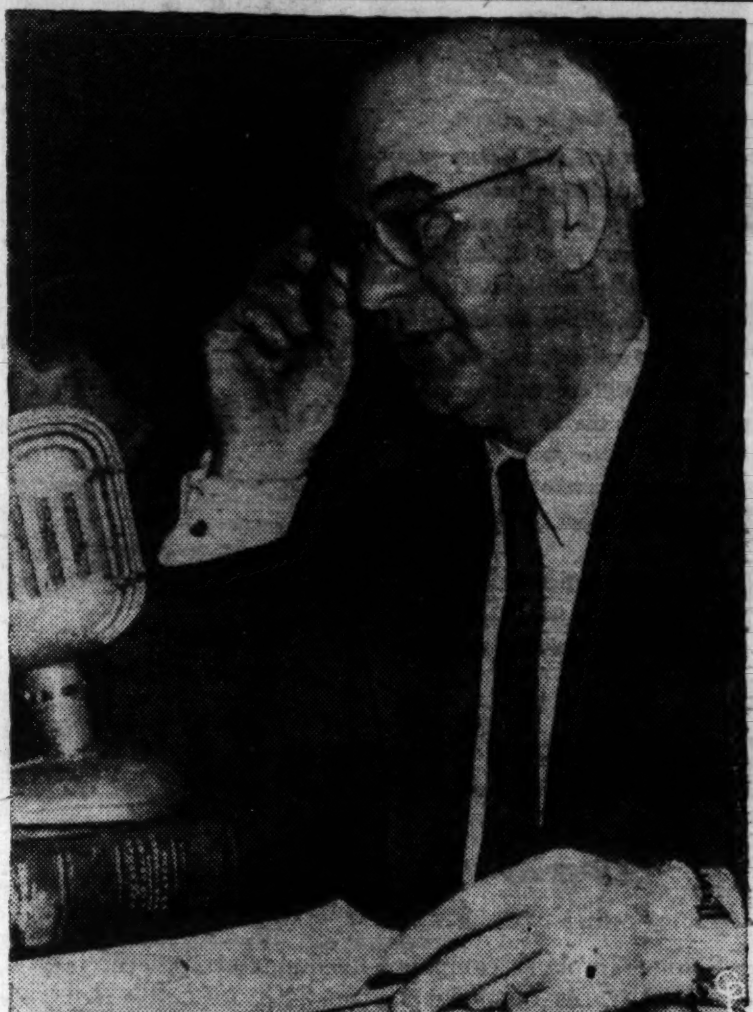
treated, Patterson said. Yugoslavia takes a serious view of repeated U. S. violations of its air sovereignty.

CANADA'S Premier Mackenzie King, attending to the peace parley, led a Canadian delegation yesterday in a solemn ceremony at Dieppe, scene of the August, 1942 raid. More than 80 percent of the predominantly Canadian assault forces were lost in that expedition.

THE DEPARTMENT of Agriculture reported yesterday Europe's 1946 wheat crop would be larger than last year's but still below the prewar average. Europe will continue to depend on the U. S. and other wheat producers in 1947, the report said.



LABOR and the NATION



Demands Price Rollbacks: CIO president Philip Murray testifies before Price Decontrol Board, demanding a rollback in prices to the June 30 level. Murray suggested subsidies as method for doing this.

Decide Fate of Food Prices Tomorrow

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The nation will learn this Tuesday whether price ceilings will be replaced on grain, meat, milk, butter and margarine. On that day the Price Decontrol Board, established under the new OPA law, has pledged to decide whether or not to recontrol grain, livestock, dairy products, cottonseed, soybeans and their products, which include many essential food items. The board concluded its hearings Thursday and went into executive session. Today, it expects to put the finishing touches on its ruling.

More than 80 witnesses were heard during the four-day sitting of the board, about a fourth representing labor and consumer groups urging the reestablishment of price ceilings and the use of subsidies to roll back food costs.

The remainder were trade association representatives arguing for exemption for their products from any restrictions on runaway prices. **MURRAY WITNESS**

The last and one of the most ef-

fective witnesses heard by the board was President Philip Murray of the CIO, who came to the hearings fresh from a dramatic gathering of more than 300 union leaders called to take action against the threat of disastrous inflation.

Murray warned that depression faces the nation unless effective price control is immediately reinstated.

"The ever widening chasm which separates the real wages of the American worker from the paper wage adjustments embodied in contracts cannot be bridged by theories and abstractions," he said.

"American workers, caught in a desperate squeeze created by unchecked profiteering, demand prompt action by the government," he stressed.

"Prices must be rolled back to the June 30 levels and subsidies existing on that date must be restored. Not to do this would be an invitation to speculators and profiteers to make the sky the limit on how prices will go."

SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE

Murray demonstrated that subsidies available under the new OPA law could cut milk prices two to three cents, bread one cent a loaf, butter ten cents a pound, margarine four cents, tomatoes two cents a can, beef six to 12 cents a pound, pork six to eight cents.

Contrasting corporation profits with workers' take-home pay, Murray cited government figures to show that income for all employees in manufacturing industries is 8.5 percent below April, 1945.

"Add to this cut in money earnings the rise in the cost of living and you find an overall cut of 18 percent in factory workers' real earnings since April, 1945," Murray said.

"It now appears that in addition to the loss in earnings suffered by millions of workers under the Administration stabilization program, further wage cuts may be imposed upon them in the form of increased prices on foods and other consumer goods which absorb the bulk of their income."

PRICES BOOSTED

While the Decontrol Board was pondering the problem of whether to resume ceilings on certain com-

11 Profs Hit U.S. Role in China

Eleven professors of Teachers' College, Columbia University, including Dr. George S. Counts, Dr. John L. Childs, and Dr. Roma Gans, have added their voices to mounting American protests against present U. S. policy in China, which gives support to the ruling Kuomintang Party only.

Citing the recent assassination of two eminent Chinese educators, Professor Li Kung-po and Professor Wen Yi-to in Kunming, they wrote President Truman "our government cannot be a silent party to actions designed to destroy the foundations of human liberty."

modities by Aug. 21, OPA was grinding out price boosts.

During the week it raised prices 3 percent on radios, 9 percent on electric stoves, and to varying degrees on some 20 classes of durable consumer goods.

It raised automobile prices another 7.3 percent, making the total increase in auto prices 23 percent since last March.

OPA also boosted coffee prices between 10 and 13 cents a pound last week.

Many of these price increases were mandatory under the Taft-Barkley OPA act, which requires that, on manufactured goods, distributors and retailers must get the old percentage mark-up.

Other price rises are due to the fact that, until Aug. 21, many essential cost of living items will remain without price ceilings and subsidies are in abeyance. It is estimated that more than 70 percent of food items are not under price control at this date.

The Price Decontrol Board has enormous powers to change this situation if it sees fit. Ceilings will return automatically on Aug. 21 on grain, livestock, dairy products, cottonseed and soybeans (and their products) unless the board says no. **CAN REPLACE CEILINGS**

The Secretary of Agriculture can replace ceilings on tobacco, poultry and eggs at any time after Aug. 20 with the consent of the board. OPA can recontrol petroleum if the board approves.

In fact, these three agencies can hold ceilings on any agricultural or non-agricultural item where the commodity is in "short supply" or where the supply does not equal or exceed demand.

This fact was stressed by the CIO conference last Thursday because of the widespread erroneous belief that, under the mangled price control law, government agencies have little or no discretion in checking the powerful inflationary trends.

The CIO says that, even under the spineless Taft-Barkley measure, the Truman Administration can do much to roll back and control prices if it really desires to do so.

One of the first tests of its intentions will come Tuesday when the Price Decontrol Board announces its first decision.

Vets Here to Root for 'Marc'

Six soldiers who lost legs and arms on World War II battlefields refuted a phony "veteran issue" in Congressman Vito Marcantonio's 18th Congressional District over the weekend when they arrived from Washington, D. C., to speak for the progressive incumbent.

The soldiers said they felt impelled to show their thanks for Marcantonio's successful battle during the closing days of the 79th Congressional session for passage of the Rogers bill.

The act, HR 6134, provides for automobiles for amputee and paralytic cases among veterans. Marcantonio's battle forced the bill's passage despite its pigeonholing for many months by the Rankin Veterans Affairs Committee.

The soldiers spoke to more than 3,000 veterans who, in a pouring rain, gathered in 86 St. between Second and Third Aves. They spoke under the auspices of the Veterans United for the Reelection of Marcantonio.

The incumbent congressman, ALP designate, is also seeking the Democratic and Republican nominations in the 18th C. D., and will wind up his campaign tonight with his customary "Lucky Corner" meeting, at 116 St. and Lexington Ave. Both Marcantonio and his predecessor in Congress, former mayor LaGuardia,

have held their windup rallies at that point.

Added refutation to Hearst's Daily Mirror smear campaign against Marcantonio has come from half a

dozen Mirror staffers, who have been speaking at street corner meetings for the congressman nightly.

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Meet You in Washington: The first ALP representative in Congress Vito Marcantonio (right) shakes hands with the man he hopes will be the second ALP Congressman, Eugene Connolly.

4,000 On Strike In NMU Lakes Stoppage

By William Allan

DETROIT, Aug. 18.—The five-day National Maritime Union strike on the Great Lakes for the 40-hour week has moored 105 ships with more than 4,000 seamen hitting the bricks. Seventy-five of the ships are under contract to the NMU, the others are unorganized.

This proves contentions of NMU leaders here that within 10 days not a ship will be moving on the Lakes carrying cargo.

The Bethlehem Transportation and Standard Oil of Indiana have asked union leaders to discuss the 40 hour week.

President Joseph Curran announced he will be in New York Monday to meet with Bethlehem and that NMU Vice President Jack Lawrenson and John, co-chairman

of the strike committee, will confer with Standard Oil Monday morning in Chicago.

Bethlehem formerly took the stand they could not go below 53 hours. Then they made an offer to discuss 48 hours. This Curran rejected as inadequate.

But the NMU leader maintained "if they ask to meet with us then we will be there."

The strike committee announced here that the port of Toledo is now closed down. Tied up are seven unorganized vessels and three NMU contract ships.

Two flying squadrons of NMU

pickets have been dispatched to Bay City, Mich., where two unorganized vessels are now tied up. The CIO Council in Bay City is standing by.

FLYING SQUADS

Additional flying squadrons are being shipped out of here to Sandusky, Conneaut, and other areas in the Lower Lakes. Splendid aid is being given by the UAW and other CIO Unions.

Violence entered the picture Saturday, when Lakes Carrier Association agent William Norris of Ashland drove his car into NMU pickets Paul Schrader and Albert Bist. Suits are being filed on behalf of each of \$10,000 damage. The LCA "fink" hall in Lorain has moved to a new location in Sandusky, Ohio.

Curran dispatched letters to United

States Employment Service offices in Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Duluth, notifying them of the strike and asking them to desist from requesting men to accept employment aboard Lakes ships.

Curran also charged that unqualified men are being placed aboard ships and that boys of 14 and 15 years of age are being employed by Lakes Carrier Association.

NMU strike headquarters today were in receipt of a telegram from the Canadian Seamen's Union stating: "All Canadian ships carrying cargoes between American ports where the NMU is on strike shall in no way be used to jeopardize the struggle of the American seamen on the Great Lakes for the 40 hour week."

NEW YORK

Reminders for Primary Day



ISACSON
GOP Leader Backs Him

Labor didn't even take time out for a second wind over the weekend—with tomorrow's primaries staring it in the face—as it turned to with vigor for its candidates all over the city.

With intense activity marking the picture in all districts, the big job of making last-minute preparations and tying up loose ends for the balloting is being tackled.

All of which accounts for these last minute help-wanted and don't-forget notices:

• Backers of Negro trade unionist Charles A. Collins warned his name must be written in exactly correct on the ballot in the 21st Senatorial District. It can't read Chas. A. Collins, Charlie Collins, C. A. Collins or anything else except Charles A. Collins. That's the law. Pollwatchers for Collins will hold a last-minute meeting tonight at 9:30, at 322 W. 125 St., and persons who will be able to act

as pollwatchers tomorrow are asked to attend.

• Ada B. Jackson's headquarters, 328 Halsey St., Brooklyn, has asked all persons able to provide the use of their automobiles Tuesday to report with the cars after 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. Mrs. Jackson is seeking the ALP and Republican nominations for State Assembly in the 17 A.D., Kings County.

• Supporters of Samuel Kaplan issued the reminder that Kaplan's name will be fifth on the ballot in all three primaries in the 24 A.D., Kings County. He is running for State Assembly, and needs pollwatchers for tomorrow, who may report to his headquarters, 695 Stone Ave., or 349 New Lots Ave., Brooklyn.

• Canvassers still are needed at headquarters of Congressman Vito Marcantonio, in the 18th Congressional District, at 1484 First Ave. (between 77 and 78 Sts.).



KAPLAN
Offers Reward

GOP Leader Backs Isacson In Bronx

An outstanding Bronx Republican, Roderick Stephens, threw his support behind ALP Assemblyman Leo Isacson's campaign for Republican nomination in the 13th A.D. (Bronx) yesterday.

Stephens scored the Knewitz Republican machine in the 13th A. D., which refused to give Isacson the GOP designation. The incumbent, an ALP designate, also is seeking the Democratic nomination.

Stephens said the Republican machine was working "hand in glove" with the Flynn Democratic setup in the Bronx to defeat the progressive and cited Isacson's consistent pro-labor, liberal record in the state legislature.

Stephens was the Republican candidate for congressman in the 26th C. D., in 1944. This district takes in Isacson's territory.

The Bronx Times a pro-fascist newspaper published by an associate of Christian Front John Devaney, devoted its latest issue to near-hysterical appeals to Republican and Democratic voters in the district to defeat Isacson at all costs.

Jesse Mintus, the laborite's campaign manager, said some 4,500 to 5,000 pledges for Isacson have been received from Democrats and that there was "no question" the Demo-

cratic voters are largely for Isacson.

"If we can get enough people on Primary Day to assure that these voters come out and vote and safeguard the polls, we will win handily," Mintus said.

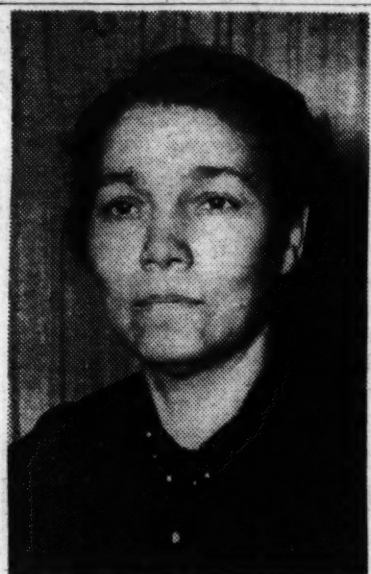
He reported there were at least 750 CIO Transport Workers Union members in the 13th A. D., virtually all of whom are enrolled Democrats. Their vote may well be decisive, Mintus said.

Vets to Guard Poll for Connolly

Councilman Eugene P. Connolly has received an offer of 300 pollwatchers from the "Veterans for an Honest Election" in the 21st Congressional District, where he is seeking the Democratic and ALP nominations. He is an ALP designate.

The wire came after Connolly had complained to Mayor O'Dwyer and the police that his campaign meetings were being disrupted by hoodlums supporting his opponent, Daniel Flynn.

The veterans said "vigilant steps" were necessary to "assure an honest count and prevent intimidation at the polls." They offered to "make certain there is no interference with democratic balloting in your congressional race."



ADA B. JACKSON'S campaign headquarters in the 17th Assembly District has requested the use of automobiles to carry on pollwatching activity tomorrow at the primaries. Her headquarters are at 328 Halsey St., Brooklyn, where the cars will be welcome after 1:30 p.m.

Kaplan Offers \$1,000 To Find Defamers

Samuel Kaplan's campaign headquarters put the bee on low blows by his opponent in the 24th Assembly District yesterday, when it posted a \$1,000 reward for anyone who could substantiate charges against Kaplan's character.

Kaplan, ALP and Republican designate, who also is looking for a victory in the Democratic primary, has been smeared in a whispering campaign in his district in which his opponents have laid "thievery" to him, his manager reported.

Taking advantage of a heavily Jewish-populated area, reports that Kaplan absconded with funds from Jewish organizations have been originated in an attempt to dislodge the progressive from his strong pre-primary position.

Kaplan is facing a red-baiting opponent in the ALP primary, Morris

Kaufman, who has taken advantage of smear attacks on Kaplan in most newspapers.

Meanwhile, Kaplan issued a request to the attorney general's office asking provision for deputy attorney generals to supervise the election tomorrow because of "apparent preparations" of the Democratic machine to carry on irregular activity at the polls.

Kaplan also has requested the Honest Ballot Association to provide representatives and observers. From the Board of Elections, he has asked extra ballot booths to take care of the huge turnout expected tomorrow.

Vets Support Collins; Fight Lily-White Primary

A veterans' committee has been formed to combat attempts to have a "lily-white" primary in the 21st Senatorial District, where Negro labor leader Charles A. Collins, ALP designate, is seeking nomination on the Democratic ballot.

Headed by members of the American Legion, American Veterans Committee and the United Negro and Allied Veterans, the committee has announced it will back the write-in campaign to elect the first Negro to the State Senate.

The vets' call to former servicemen in the Harlem community said a situation had arisen with the removal of Collins' name from the Democratic ballots "which demands immediate action on our part."

"Although five times the amount of necessary signatures on the primary petitions were filed, the lily-white Board of Elections ruled Charles A. Collins off the primary ballot on a flimsy technicality," the veterans declared.

New support to Collins' write-in candidacy has come from a dinner of ministers held at Hood Memorial AME Church and from the North Harlem Pharmaceutical Association.

Baldwin Asks People's Support

Joseph Clark Baldwin, ALP designate seeking renomination on the Republican ticket in the 17th Congressional District, told a pre-election rally of the Congress of American Women at the Wendell Willkie Memorial Hall he had become a symbol for the liberal forces in the primary election campaign.

He said if American democracy is going to continue, it must operate for the well-being of all the people.

Tobacco Strikers Meeting Tonight

A meeting supporting 600 women tobacco strikers against Haddon Hall Cigars will be held tonight (Monday) by the Allerton Consumers Council and the American Labor Party in the 8th A.D., Bronx. The meeting will take place at ALP headquarters, 683 Allerton Ave., the Bronx.

The strikers, mostly mothers and grandmothers, are members of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers. They seek union recognition and wages above the 53-cent hourly rate now current.

Demand Price-Hike

Continued shortage of pig iron and scrap is expected to cause a drop in steel production, the magazine Steel said yesterday.

Then, taking the line of industrialists who hoard goods in hopes of getting higher prices, the magazine continued:

"Should OPA become convinced that some advance is warranted but be unable to decide promptly how much, a promise of retroactive action would stimulate the flow, it is believed."

Serge Prokofieff

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AFL Chief Ignores Rank and File To Praise Dewey at Rochester

ROCHESTER, Aug. 18. — Despite considerable anti-Dewey sentiment among the delegates, State Federation of Labor President Thomas A. Murray will praise the governor while condemning the anti-labor record of the 79th Congress in his opening address to the convention Monday according to advance copies of the speech released today.

At the same time the AFL State Council issued a 20-point legislative program which emphasized the need for a labor-management conference to stabilize the national economy.

In addition to the anti-Dewey stand of the Rochester Central Trades and Labor Council, the State conference of the International Association of Machinists which met over the week-end opposed Dewey. A Bakers union conference, while not taking any formal stand because

none of the major parties have actually designated their candidates, expressed unmistakable support for Mead.

Organization for Mead is growing. An AFL for Mead headquarters has been set up in the Powers Hotel, and Mead will speak at the convention Tuesday, followed by a reception for the Senator at 2 p.m. and an address by him at a baseball game that evening.

The State Council's legislative program, in addition to the demand for a labor-management conference, calls for the passage of the Wagner-Elender-Taft Housing bill, "so dis-

gracefully buried in a committee of the house;" banning the use of lumber except for domestic housing needs; raising unemployment insurance benefits from 21 to 25 dollars weekly; repeal of the Hobbs "anti-racketeering" bill, and the passage of an FEPC.

While many delegates applaud Murray's condemnation of the 79th Congress record, they expressed disagreement with his praise of Dewey.

In a letter to Carol Reece, national GOP chairman, Gov. Dewey and Lieut.-Gov. Joseph Hanley, the State Council strongly condemned any attempt to endorse Gen. William J. Donovan in view of his vicious anti-labor record.

Gov. Dewey will address the convention Monday 11 a.m.

Byrnes' Anti-Negro Record Exposed

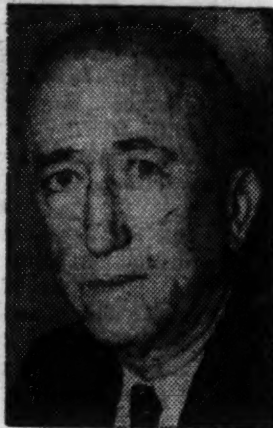
By Art Shields

To the shame of the United States, this country is being represented at the Paris Peace Conference by an apologist for lynching.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, when he was in Congress, made a full-length defense of lynching mobs in the House of Representatives on Aug. 25, 1919, while race riots were raging throughout the land.

The Daily Worker discovered the Byrnes speech in the Congressional Record while investigating the background of the nine lynchings that have taken place in the South in the last month.

South Carolina's smooth Mr. Byrnes said it was better, of course, to rely on



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the courts instead of the mob. Lynchings are condemned by the press and pulpit of the South, he asserted.

"But notwithstanding all efforts," continued Mr. Byrnes, "the fact is that whenever a Negro commits an assault upon a white woman, the white man does not reason. He acts."

Byrnes complained that, "while the press of the North and the Negro press will join the press of the South in their condemnation of the criminality of the mob, they seldom join us in condemnation of the criminal assault upon white women, which is generally the cause of the lynching."

"This is a white man's country and no Southern Negroes will be permitted to vote," South Carolina's Byrnes continued.

As to the Constitution—Byrnes found that there is something "greater than constitu-

tional or legislative amendments; namely, the natural instinct of the Anglo-Saxons." This instinct, said Byrnes, is against the Negroes' desire for "political equality."

No wonder the real Byrnes, whom the Congressional Record unmasks, behaves so arrogantly toward non-Anglo-Saxon nations. Violent red-baiting against the "Russian Bolsheviks" and the IWW run through Byrnes' speech.

The South Carolina Congressmen fantastically accuse mysterious "Bolsheviks" and IWW members of subsidizing Negro newspapers which were urging their people to fight back against the lynchings.

Byrnes was much worried by the spirit of resistance among the Negro people and called for government prosecution of Negro leaders.

A fuller account of Byrnes' racism and the bloody events of 1919 will appear in The Worker next Sunday.

THE POLICE ARE SILENT, BUT—

The Nation Is Aroused

If President Truman, Attorney General Tom Clark, and the FBI have forgotten about the lynch bosses of Walton County Georgia, there are still many people in America who are demanding their arrest and prosecution:

HOUSTON, Texas.—Five hundred Negro and white citizens met at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church here, and called for the outlawing of the Ku Klux Klan, by a Presidential order.

Sponsored by the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Texas Civil Rights Congress, the meeting also signed petitions demanding justice in the Columbia, Tenn. trial, and adopted resolutions calling for an anti-lynch law.

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—The Committee for Democratic Practices sponsored a mass meeting Saturday, to denounce the Georgia lynchings, and to demand action from President Truman and Attorney General Tom Clark.

The meeting was held in the Monroe Ave. Christian Church which is now engaged in a restrictive covenant fight involving the right of its minister, the Rev. L. L. Dickerson, to occupy the parsonage.

MINNEAPOLIS.—The North Side branch of the Communist Party,

held an open air rally Aug. 7 to protest the Georgia lynchings.

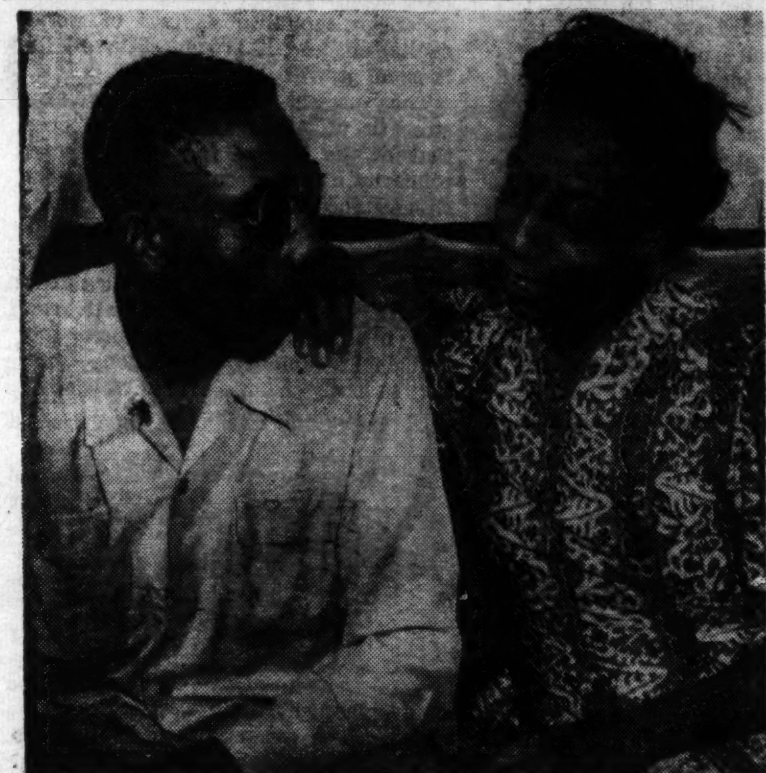
Four Negro veterans from the audience came to the platform to voice their experiences in the Army and to speak out for Negro and white unity for the prevention of more such murders.

A 97-year-old woman expressed her thanks to the Communist Party for its fight for the Negro people. She herself had seen nine lynchings in South Carolina and had "seen the buzzards eat off the flesh."

Resentment against recent lynchings has speeded the response to the campaign of the National Negro Congress for five million signatures asking the United Nations to intervene and aid the oppressed Negro people in the United States, said Revels Cayton, Congress secretary, last night.

Petition drives are getting a fast start in major centers throughout the nation, Cayton reported.

In New York City the women's auxiliary of the National Maritime Union is one of the leading groups in the signature campaign. Thousands of seamen and their wives have already signed.



Isaac Woodard with his sister, Mrs. Eunice Young

COP WHO BLINDED WOODARD FOUND IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Stadium Jammed; 30,000 at Benefit

Five thousand people gathered outside Lewisohn Stadium last night trying to join 30,000 already seated at a benefit for Isaac Woodard.

The South Carolina cop who gouged out Isaac Woodard's eyes has finally been smoked out by investigators of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who found a Negro veteran eyewitness to the fiendish attack.

Police Chief L. L. Shaw of Batesburg, S. C., admitted Saturday that he beat Woodard between the eyes

with his blackjack, after the NAACP announced its discovery of the eyewitness.

Last February, when he was blinded, Woodard had been told by police he was in Aiken, S. C. Police Chief J. M. Sprawls of that city denied that the incident happened there.

And all the while Shaw kept quiet until the Negro eye witness came forward. Several months before the story was released to the press, the NAACP informed the War Department of the incident but got no response. Subsequently, Woodard's affidavit was sent to Attorney General Tom Clark. Still there was no action on the matter.

A nationwide storm of protest was raised over the blinding of Woodard, who had just been honorably discharged from the Army after four years service, 15 months of which were spent in the South Pacific.

5 Tudeh Leaders Arrested in Iran

TEHERAN, Iran, Aug. 18 (UP).—Sheik Hosein Lankarani, former Tudeh Party Deputy in the Iranian Parliament, and his four brothers were arrested today on orders of Premier Ahmad Ghavam es Sultaneh, who charged them with "intrigues against the state's interests and public security."

Act Against Hoodlums, Villagers Tell Police

A group of Negro and white citizens who live and work in Greenwich Village yesterday demanded of Mayor O'Dwyer and Police Commissioner Wallander, police protection against further attack and intimidation by a hoodlum gang.

The signed letter to the city officials stated: "Those of us who live

and work in the Village, and those of us who visit the Village frequently, can no longer feel that the attacks are precipitated by irresponsible 'boys.' The very nature of the attacks indicate they are the results of an organized campaign to terrorize Negro citizens. In addition, white citizens seen in the company of Negroes have been threatened and insulted. This is a com-

mon occurrence." Accounts of several attacks on Negro musicians and workers were given in detail. It was pointed out, "there has been no apprehension of the assailants."

The citizens' specific demands were that "terror against minority groups in the Village be wiped out, by adequate police protection NOW, and the immediate apprehension of the gangsters."

JIMCROW TOUCHES OFF VIOLENCE; NEGROES HELD

SWEDESBORO, N. J., Aug. 18.—State troopers today joined local police in guarding the streets of this town, 20 miles south of Camden, following last night's disturbances

which began when a Negro was ordered out of a restaurant. Several Negroes were held in jail.

Two hundred persons, milled around the cafe after the Negro, a migratory worker, was told to "go where you belong and you'll be served."

Chief of Police J. H. Eastlack said

he was jostled and somebody stole his revolver.

All saloons and restaurants in this town, dominated by the Hurff cannery, were closed.

Swedeseboro has Jimcrow schools, and segregation and poor wages are the prevailing practice.

The Oily Bird

LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals may ask the United Nations to form an international agreement protecting sea birds from oil floated by ships.

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A Siren Song for Capitalism

By Wm. Z. Foster

IT is characteristic of capitalism on the upswing of the economic cycle, when it is heading into the "boom" that comes before the "bust," that its ideological defenders become especially lyrical and imaginative in telling the world the benefits that are to be reaped from the blessed capitalist system. Thus after World War I, when the United States was developing the Harding-Coolidge "boom," such capitalist soothsayers were aplenty and they had a field day. Drunk in their boundless enthusiasm, the Carvers, Gillettes, and a host of others, including many AFL and railroad union leaders, informed us that we now had a "new" capitalism, that all the workers were becoming stockpiling capitalists, that strikes were no longer necessary and that what the workers required, in order to win economic emancipation, was simply to work hand-in-hand with the employers to speed up production.

The Communist Party pointed out the folly and danger of all this. It warned of the harm to the unions of such class collaboration, and it showed that an inevitable economic crisis was not far ahead. But, with glowing perspectives shining in their eyes, the advocates of "new" capitalism would pay no attention to the Communists. They walked, totally unprepared, into the collapse of October, 1929.



WM. Z. FOSTER

Now, the United States is plunging into the economic "boom" following World War II, and we are witnessing once again the intoxicated Pollyanna shouting about the heaven-on-earth that awaits us from the workings of the capitalist system.

Thus, Eric Johnston, former head of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in his speech when retiring from office (cited joyously in the current *Reader's Digest*), treats us to a dose of super-heated capitalist optimism very reminiscent of the "boom" days after World War I. Indeed, in his enthusiasm, Mr. Johnston has been outdone, so far as know, by only one man, Earl Browder, who had American capitalism in the postwar period not only doubling the American workers' real wages, but also industrializing and democratizing the entire world in gentle fellowship with the UUSR.

In his article Mr. Johnston resurrects the slogan of "The New Capitalism," which did the monopolists such effective service in the hectic 1920's. The "old" capitalism, he declares, believed in monopoly, in crushing trade unions, in subordinating everything to the supreme god of profits. But the "new" capitalism, says the enthusiastic (and highly imaginative) Mr. Johnston, stands for "free competition," "for equal opportunity for all"; it "recognizes the supremacy of the individual" whom it

develops as "a free agent with the right to make his own decisions."

"The new and progressive view," says Mr. Johnston, "holds that capitalism is a human institution, vibrant and evolutionary, capable of constantly adjusting itself to new conditions, a tool in the hands of the people to be used for the good of all." "The goal," he enthuses, "is every man a capitalist." How wonderful:

The deplorable thing about all this utopian nonsense is that there are many labor leaders, especially these antediluvians entrenched in the AFL executive council, who, disregarding organized labor's bitter experience after World War I, are eagerly lapping up Mr. Johnston's warmed-over slogans and peddling them among the workers under their leadership.

Mr. Johnston's so-called new capitalism is only bosses' propaganda for greater profit. What we have in the United States is the same old capitalism, except that it is now developed to greater power and ruthlessness than ever before. Its policies, instead of leading to the prosperity, freedom and peace for all that Mr. Johnston so glibly talks about, are in reality heading the country into further industrial smash-up, fascism and war, unless the resistance of the democratic masses can halt it.

"We ought to be proud of the capitalist system," says Mr. Johnston. Indeed we should! For it has produced only two world wars, a terrific economic crisis, the plague of fascism and the greatest famine in history—all in one

generation. And now, unless the masses can prevent it, capitalism is getting ready to go through another round of this bloodshed, tyranny and starvation on a far more devastating scale than ever before.

Mr. Johnston, while glowingly praising the "new capitalism" of the United States, says: "The old capitalism has virtually disappeared. It was liquidated in Russia. It is dying on the continent of Europe. It gasps for breath in the British Isles." So we in this country must beware and cling to our "new" capitalism.

But Mr. Johnston's attempt to make a distinction between the "old," bankrupt capitalism of Europe and the "new," "vibrant and evolutionary" capitalism of the United States will not stand up under analysis. For both are cut from identical cloth. They suffer from the same fatal contradictions, long ago pointed out by Karl Marx, that have about ruined European capitalism. American capitalism is part of world capitalism, and it is subject to all its laws of growth and decay.

The present relatively greater strength of American capitalism over that of the rest of the world is due primarily to the exceptionally favorable circumstances under which it developed. Its strength is not because American capitalism is based on sounder principles. Capitalism here had the great advantage of growing in a land very rich in natural resources, where the developing capitalist institutions were not seriously hampered by restrictive

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Letters from Our Readers

Negro Workers Fight On in Lundy Strike

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Seldom has one employer displayed so many fascist and reactionary tactics in an effort to exploit workers as the management of the Lundy Brothers' Restaurant in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn.

The management sanctioned its goons in their carrying of guns, knives and ice picks with which to attack the workers picketing the sweat shop establishment.

This having failed, Herculean efforts were made to secure Negro scabs from Harlem and the Bedford-Stuyvesant area in order to demoralize the striking workers. Paid stooges walked daily across the picket line to taunt and provoke the workers.

The management sent fifties of whiskey among the strikers and instructed its goons, who were well supplied with money, to make the pickets drunk under the guise of friendship and sympathy. Since this proved unsuccessful, an attempt was made to buy pickets

off the picket line with the offer of a paid college education to one worker and a salary as high as \$110 per week if only they would abandon the picket line and the unions involved.

In a last burst of desperation, red-baiting was dug out of the closet. Workers were told that union officials were Communists and betrayers of America. The pitiful plea of the millionaire concern now is for the workers to forsake the "Jewish and Greek Communist union leaders" and come back into slavery under the

great white father who knows what is best for "good" Negroes.

A petition is now being circulated among the intimidated workers remaining in the shop asking them to swear away their rights as free men to choose a bargaining agent of their choice.

So smooth is this line reeled out to the gullible that more than one supposedly educated Negro from the community has attempted to persuade the striking workers to return to their slave conditions under the threat that if the union wins, Negro workers will be re-

placed by white workers.

The answer of the workers to this anti-labor, anti-Semitic and reactionary propaganda has been the tightening of belts and a firmer resolve to fight on to become an integral part of the labor movement.

OSCAR GREENE,
Strike Chairman.

Diplomats Don't Even Read the 'Free Press'

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Here is something American diplomats who talk so much about democracy would well know, were they sincere in their professed desire to help make a peace that will last.

"British and American democracy is more persuasive when it is not crippled by examples of fascistic racial discrimination."

"British and American democracy does not go well in Russia—or in many other places—when it becomes the tool of clerical fascism. The 'non-intervention' farce which denied the customary rights of a recognized government to Spain's Republic was chiefly responsible for enlarging a horrible civil war and for the present evils of Franco's militarist-clesiastical fascism. The shaping of American policy by clericalism in Germany, France, and Italy today—to say nothing of that toward Russia—is not well designed to make friends for the democracies."

The above quotes are from an editorial in the *Christian Science Monitor*, May 3, 1946.

Yet events in China, Palestine, Spain and elsewhere cast thick, dark clouds over the supposed "democratic" and "peaceful" intentions of capitalist managed American and British democracy.

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Science Notebook

By Peter Stone

THE venereal disease rate for our European occupation forces has reached the alarming figure of 287 per thousand per year. This high incidence of syphilis and gonorrhea among our troops emphasizes a trend which has been evident since they first reached the European continent. The rate in the European theater of operations is 27 percent, as compared to 14 percent in the Pacific region and 6.6 percent in this country.

The comparatively low infection rate among troops in this country, Hawaii and other Pacific areas is in part a tribute to the effectiveness of the program sponsored by our public health services. The high rate in Europe is due in no small measure to the letdown in morale and the chaotic social and economic conditions rampant throughout central Germany.

Syphilis and gonorrhea are no longer words that we can afford to keep out of family newspapers. The people must know that as late as 1943 more than 3,000,000 people had syphilis in this country and about three times that number had gonorrhea. One in every 10 cases of blindness and one in every eight cases of heart disease in America is caused by syphilis. More than 60,000 children are born with congenital syphilis annually in this country.

The people spend about \$10,000,000 annually to provide asylum care for syphilitic insane. Yet, syphilis and gonorrhea are not vague

and intangible diseases. Medicine knows what causes them and has the method of eliminating venereal disease. It has been the mental climate and social attitude toward venereal disease which has thus far prevented removal of syphilis and gonorrhea.

The hush-hush approach in regard to syphilis is a hangover from more than two centuries. The origin of the disease is still unknown, some medical historians saying it was brought from the new world. Others insist with equal fervor that it was present during the middle ages on the continent of Europe.

Back in the 15th century, when syphilis was regarded as simply another disease, there was no such "moral" silence about its treatment. The city of Frankfurt provided free medical treatment to syphilitics and, as a special inducement, made these victims tax-exempt during the period of hospitalization.

The rise of the mercantile class saw a change in attitude toward venereal disease. The bourgeoisie condemned extra-marital relations, which they held responsible for the spread of gonorrhea and syphilis. They claimed that they were more moral and virtuous than the diseased nobles and, therefore, better fit to govern.

Venereal diseases became known as sex diseases and marked the licentiousness of an individual. It was something to be ashamed of and something hidden and not mentioned in polite society. In 1826, Pope Leo rationalized this new mental climate by issuing an edict condemning the use of contraceptives because they interfered with the intention of

divine providence—namely, to punish sinners.

This type of thinking about venereal disease persists to the present day. When Ehrlich discovered 66 or the arsenic drug, salvarsan, as a treatment for syphilis, certain church officials attacked the discovery. They claimed the cure of syphilis would only lead to moral decay of the people. Similar attitudes were expressed with the mass arsenic dose method, high fever techniques and the recently employed penicillin injections.

Of course, this "moralistic" approach toward new discoveries and treatments is retarding progress against the inroads of venereal disease. Doctors have often pointed out that for every soldier who gets syphilis or gonorrhea through sexual intercourse, there are many times that number that do not get the infection. And since when does it require the pain and suffering of a disease to preserve the morals of a people?

In 1936 Surgeon General Dr. Thomas Parran of the United States Health Service tried to arouse America against the dangers of venereal disease. His plea helped launch a campaign of education. New laboratories and clinics were opened. He promised to rid the nation of syphilis within one generation.

By 1940, Dr. Parran wrote that only 6 percent of the syphilitics had been cured. American authorities for the most part are now concentrating on methods of controlling the disease. Some of them feel that syphilis and gonorrhea will always be present—and the best that can be done is rigid control of venereal disease.

Next week this column will deal with VD in the USSR.



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Beat the Tories

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elected to Congress in the East, is fighting for re-election. It may be argued that his chief opponent, Grant Reynolds, is also a Negro. But there is something deeply suspicious about a Negro candidate running under the banner of GOP Boss Tom Curran, whose sole campaign issue is "absenteeism" of his opponent and not the struggle against Bilboism and all that it means in America.

In Queens' 4th and Manhattan's 21st, the two labor candidates, Eugene P. Connolly and George Rooney, are battling against foes whose chief backer is the Christian Front.

Outstanding in the battle for labor's legislative candidates is the high degree of unity between labor and the Negro people. That unity is expressed in the fight to break through the lily-white traditions of the State Legislature with a candidate who is a leading AFL official. It is expressed, too, in the effort to elect Negro officials for the first time from Brooklyn and the Bronx.

In the Bronx, labor is battling for the re-election of the most progressive fighter the Legislature has seen in many years, Leo Isacson. That campaign is also directed at weakening the hold of Democratic Boss Ed Flynn on the politics of the county, a hold he has sought to use to prevent coalition of progressive Democrats with labor.

The issues involved in this primary struggle are all the issues that confront the people in Congress and the State Legislature. Victory for the labor-backed nominees will inevitably strengthen the coalition of labor and its allies and the influence of that coalition in the struggle for its progress.

That victory can be won, provided the trade unionists and other progressives turn out en masse tomorrow to get out the vote and guard the polls.

Truman Is Not Roosevelt

ROBERT HANNEGAN, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is selling President Truman as carrying out FDR's program.

But the American people know different.

All they have to do is look at the way Truman is imposing the kind of inflation on the country that Taft insisted on. Their weekly grocery bill tells them the story.

And in foreign policy, Truman is ditching every pledge that FDR made at Yalta. He is even ditching the pledges he himself gave at Potsdam based on FDR's previous line.

There is no doubt that the majority of voters who gave FDR his victory in 1944 still want what they voted for then. But they'll not get it through reliance on Truman. They'll get it only by pressure against Truman, who gives in all the time to the Tafts and Vandenberg.

The way to fight for the FDR program which the country voted for—social reform and American-Soviet friendship—is to forge a progressive coalition in the primaries behind candidates that will fight for that program.

The bigger the vote for candidates like Marcantonio, for example, the better chance will there be for that FDR program Truman is pretty badly betraying.

Market in Nazis

ARGENTINA is importing livestock. Peron's immigration boss is bargaining to allow a couple of thousand German Nazis to become good "Nordic" Argentinians. He says he wants them to be of "good racial stock." This means, no doubt, that they must be tried and tested adherents of Hitlerism.

Argentina has plenty of Spanish Nazis, too, imported from Franco's Spain.

It seems that the supply of Nazis and fascists is high, and they are available for service against democracy wherever they are invited to serve.

In Spain, Britain and our Government at Washington tenderly preserve the supply of fascists. We say we need these fascists for use against "communism."

In Germany and Austria, American foreign policy is working overtime to revive the old fascists' and Nazi power.

No wonder, then, that the Argentine's reactionaries find plenty of Nazis on hand when they look for them. They can thank Washington and London for that.

JUSTICE BEGINS AT HOME



The People Won't Mourn LaFollette

By Rob F. Hall

Washington.

The defeat of "Young Bob" LaFollette for the Republican nomination for Senator from Wisconsin, after he held that office for 20 years, has had a depressing effect on many honest liberals. This is particularly true of such men as Tom Stokes, Scripps-Howard columnist who was closely associated with Young Bob's father, the fighting, crusading independent of thirty years ago.



They have been inclined to identify the son with the father, and feel the defeat of Young Bob is a defeat for all that Old Bob stood for. I doubt that such an interpretation of the Wisconsin primary results is in any way relevant.

Young Bob's defeat is deplored by the most reactionary columnists and editorial writers in the nation. The Scripps-Howard press moans that the voters have shown a lack of "gratitude." The Washington Star says many will "mourn" his defeat. David Lawrence, a notorious enemy of labor, angrily charges labor with double-crossing the best "friend in Congress of union labor legislation" by failing to vote in the Republican primaries for Young Bob.

"OLD BOB" AND MONOPOLISTS

Those who remember the hatred the capitalist press maintained towards Old Bob for his unceasing fight against the big monopolies will, on second thought, realize that no such flattering encomiums would have been published by these papers if the father had gone down to defeat.

Perhaps the best measure of how Young Bob has failed to live up to the liberal record of his distinguished parent is to compare him with a contemporary, a fighting liberal of his own time. Such men, for example, as Senators Claude Pepper of Florida, Glen Taylor of Idaho, or James Murray of Montana. Can our liberal friends imagine David Lawrence or the Scripps-Howard press bemoaning the defeat of Pepper or Taylor or Murray?

On the contrary, those reaction-

aries who shed bitter tears at the eclipse of Young Bob have never overlooked an opportunity to lambast Pepper, Taylor and Murray.

An analysis of Young Bob's voting record in the Senate shows him generally voting in favor of domestic legislation demanded by labor and the progressive forces. But it also shows a consistent vote against United Nations collaboration and Big Three Unity, the basis for the victory over Hitlerism.

"YOUNG BOB" MANEUVERED

Even this tells only part of the story. When Young Bob voted right on labor issues, he was frequently found aiding the compromises and maneuvers plotted by the Senate's arch reactionary, Robert Taft of Ohio. His dubious reward for this was a letter from Taft to the Wisconsin GOP regulars endorsing LaFollette which, some say, widened the breach between him and the rank and file Republican voters, thus helping defeat him.

In contrast to Young Bob's "correct" voting record on domestic issues, Pepper's record includes almost daily speeches and floor fights

for labor-progressive causes. Almost single-handed, Pepper fought valiantly against the Case bill and the President's draft-labor bill. Labor considers men like Pepper, Taylor and Murray its champions. It knows it can rely on them even when the going is rough, when faint-hearted liberals drop out on the roadside like rookies on the first 14-mile hike. Labor felt that way about Old Bob. It never had such confidence in his son.

Finally, the real test of a liberal during most of the past 12 years has been his attitude towards FDR, who led the nation not only in the fight for progress at home but also in the life and death struggle with the world fascist forces of evil.

Young Bob was never in the Roosevelt - democratic-labor camp, even when he voted with it. The record of this summer's primaries indicate that those who fight under the Roosevelt banner—for domestic policies which mean progress, and foreign policies which mean peace—are likely to be victorious. Those who opposed FDR's policies, such as Shipstead, Wheeler, and now LaFollette, find little support among the people.

Worth Repeating

Calling for the withdrawal of American forces from China, a July 31 Brooklyn Eagle editorial says in part: "The dominant issue in China insofar as the United States is concerned, it seems, is whether the Kuomintang Government deserves to be saved and whether it can be saved. Nanking has shown many evidences of corruption, of oppression, of inefficiency. It has not given dissenting factions the rights and privileges promised in return for unity in the war effort. It has shocked even its friends by its tactics of brutality and terrorism towards liberals and scholars. It has heartlessly neglected its own starving people even to the extent of interfering with the distribution of UNRRA supplies in areas in which hunger prevails.

"Why should the United States lend its resources and its men to the support of a regime which has so little to commend it to sympathy and confidence?"

AN, ANSWER TO WALLANDER—II

We Can Stop Police Brutality

By Benjamin J. Davis, Jr.

(Continued from Sunday Worker)

The fact that a conference took place last Wednesday, August 7, between a group of prominent Negro citizens and Commissioner Wallander helped to bring the issue of police brutality a little more into the open. It laid additional stress upon a condition already shown to be grave by the Communist Party, the United Negro and Allied Veterans, the Civil Rights Congress, outstanding trade unionists and a few other militant organizations and individuals.



This issue is, of course, not new. Police brutality against Negroes—accompanied by unpunished fascist gang attacks against the Jewish people—have been increasing in New York for the last six months. The Communist Party, not to mention other organizations like the Civil Rights Congress, together with my office have been constantly pointing these trends out. If certain circles had early enough heeded these warnings and had helped to mobilize labor and progressives and public sentiment against them, perhaps the present crisis could have been avoided.

The growth of police brutality is directly connected with the reactionary atmosphere in the country, the imperialist drive of the Truman administration toward war and Soviet-baiting, the monopoly attacks against the living standards of the people, the brazen admission by U. S. Senator Bilbo that he is a Klansman coupled with his fascist defy to the government and to the whole of American democracy, the Georgia lynchings, the Jimcrow system and numerous other outrages. Gov. Dewey's barefaced whitewash of the cold blooded killings of the Ferguson brothers was a direct incitation to police brutality against Negroes all over New York state. The national lynch terror against Negroes is the first signs of fascism for labor in particular and for all democratic Americans. It would be naive to think that these developments would not affect New York City.

WHITWASHED CASE

It is not clear what proposals were made by the Negro delegation headed by Walter White, national secretary of the NAACP, to Commissioner Wallander. Neither is it clear just what Wallander told them. The whole conference was,

according to the press, entirely "off-the-record."

However, it is clear as to just what use the Police Commissioner tried to make of the conference. From the wild statements of the Commissioner printed in the New York Times on August 8, he tried to use the presence of the delegation to whitewash the cases of brutality which have brought to his attention in a documented fashion and which he refuses to do anything about.

Secondly, the Commissioner tried to use the presence of the delegation to divide the various Negro leaders and organizations of the community and play one against the other, through the medium of red-baiting, realizing that if he can get the Negro people to warring among themselves the responsibility of the Department for police brutality will be avoided. In this, the Commissioner will fail. The Negro people their labor and progressive allies, realizing what is at stake here, will not permit this to happen.

The statement of Mr. Walter White issued for the delegation did not enter into red-baiting. For I'm sure that the majority of the delegation did not go to the Commissioner's office to attack the Communists or to use red-baiting to obscure the issue of police brutality. The weakness of the delegation's statement is that it tends to induce complacency—which could become fatal to the struggle.

It is unfortunate, for example, that the delegation's statement so fully accepted the promise of the Commissioner to "take prompt action in any situation where improper police action was taken." For apparently no concrete guarantees whatever were secured from the Commissioner.

In fact, the delegation's statement in some respects falls into the trap obviously laid by the Commissioner.

OLD PROMISES

Such promises have been made before. The test of the Police Department's intention to seriously deal with police brutality against Negroes is what the Commissioner does now about removing, reprimanding and prosecuting the police guilty of criminal and improper action in cases now pending before him.

No one can rely on mere words by the Commissioner when these cases were whitewashed. Nor can one rely upon mere words when it is known that policemen are still interfering with whites in so-called Negro sections of the city, and Negroes in so-called white sections of the city, when terror by organized gangs against Negroes in Greenwich Village in particular, meet with police indifference.

It is quite clear that many more

delegations have got to call on Commissioner Wallander, especially since his last red-baiting statement and his whitewash of numerous cases will serve to encourage more police brutality. A letter and post-card campaign has to be begun.

Particularly should trade unions visit the Commissioner and send in their protests. For it is against the workers—Negroes in the first place, and whites—that these brutalities are taking place. These workers, many of them victims of police brutality, can fully expose the fantastic charge of the Commissioner that Negro women have to be knocked down and kicked by police on the trumped-up pretext that they're threatening the police department with non-existent "butcher knives."

The charge of the Commissioner that I, and the Communist Party are carrying on a "campaign of calumny against the Police Department, when examined as its real meaning is a back-handed compliment. It means that the Communists are among the most resolute fighters for civil rights and equality for all citizens, and are determined, with labor and many hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers of every race, creed and color, to end Jimcrow in New York—to keep Bilboism, Talmadgism and Rankinism out of New York.

Communists will continue with renewed vigor their fight to expose and end all forms of fascist expression in New York City and will seek to mobilize the broadest unity of the labor movement and the people to the end that no whitewash will cover these present attacks upon democratic liberties. Ten years ago police brutality which started against the Negro people here carried over against trade unions, and other progressive organizations. It will do the same now unless nipped in the bud.

This is the issue from which there must be no diversion by red-baiting or any other type of confusing tactics. That time to stop it is now. Mr. Commissioner, before our city faces a tragedy which could have been avoided, by prompt curbing of police brutality and by protection of the civil liberties of Negroes as well as other citizens in full equality.

Meanwhile, it would seem that the Negro people, the trade unions and progressives of every race, creed and color should insist upon the following minimum program to Commissioner Wallander and to Mayor O'Dwyer:

- (1) Removal and prosecution of police guilty of brutality. No whitewash. Compensation for victims.
- (2) Prosecution of would be lynch mob in Queens July 19.
- (3) Demanding from Gov. Dewey the list of all the Klansmen connected with the nominally dissolved Klan in this state, making their names public and prosecuting them.
- (4) Firm police action against fascist gangs which terrorize attack Negroes in so-called white sections of the city. The jailing and prosecuting of all fascist anti-Negro and anti-Semitic gangs.
- (5) The elimination of discrimination in the Police Department. The appointment of Negro precinct captains, especially in Negro communities.
- (6) The ending of anti-Negro instructions to policemen and the guarantee of equal and free association of all citizens in all parts of the city at all times. Full protection of civil and democratic liberties of the Negro people and all citizens irrespective of race, color or religion.
- (7) Passage of the Davis Bill No. 25 now in the City Affairs Committee for an effective interracial unity committee in New York.



House of Horrors: Following a police raid on a private nursing home run by Mrs. Margaret Colvin in Indianapolis, State prosecutor Sherwood Blue (left) unlocks the chains from the feet of one of the "House of Horrors" patients. The raid disclosed numerous atrocities, including shackling patients to beds and benches with straps and chains. Looking on are chief investigator Charles R. Russel and Mrs. Colvin.

A Siren Song for Capitalism

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hangovers from feudalism, and where there was a vast stretch of territory, from ocean to ocean, free from the crippling effects of the numerous national boundary lines, economic restrictions and mutual antagonisms, such as are to be found in Europe.

Besides these initial advantages, American capitalism has not been devastated by the two world wars, as in the case of continental capitalist countries, but has actually grown fat on them. For the past 30 years the economy of the United States has been fed billions upon billions of dollars for producing war munitions and for repairing ravages in other countries. Otherwise it would present quite a different picture than that of its present opulence. In fact, the two world wars have literally "made" the United States by enriching it and by shattering and removing from its path all other capitalist imperialist powers able to compete with it for the mastery of the earth.

But the American capitalist system, like the increasingly bankrupt capitalism of Europe, is also rotten at the heart. Its present more fa-

vorite position tends at least for the time being, to hide this decay, but its basic weakness is there for the serious observer to see. The future, therefore, of a monopolist capitalist America that must be foreseen, is not the rosy capitalist utopia of a Johnston or a Browder, but the desolation and misery of present-day Europe.

American workers will do well to grasp this basic reality and to act accordingly. Instead of harkening to the capitalist propaganda of the Johnstons and conservative labor leaders, they should realize that the capitalist system, both here and abroad, holds nothing for the world but further misery, fascism and war. Hence, they should strive to fortify in every possible way the workers' living standards, and they should also leave no stone unturned to strengthen democracy and to curb the power of the trusts, both in domestic and foreign policy. And beyond these palliative measures, they should begin to look forward to the eventual establishment of socialism, without which there can be no real well-being, democracy or peace for the world's exploited and harassed millions.

Thugs Attack Lundy Pickets

Half a dozen men dressed in American Legion regalia last night attempted to break up a picket line in front of Lundy's Restaurant, which has been struck by AFL waiters since July 4.

The thugs were separated from the pickets by police before any violence occurred. Before the Legionnaires appeared, baskets of rotten vegetables were thrown upon the pickets from the roof of the restaurant.

The strike, which is against wages of \$17 and a 72-hour week, is being supported by the American Youth for Democracy and the American Veterans Committee, who had pickets at the restaurant last night.

Ex-GIs Can Now Apply At CCNY for Testing

Veterans needing vocational or educational guidance and testing may now apply directly to the Veterans Administration Advisement Center at City College.

Before, discharged servicemen had to contact the N. Y. Regional Office of the Veterans Administration before they could be referred to the advisement unit.

City College's advisement center is at the school's Army Hall, W. 137 St. and Amsterdam Ave., and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. To secure counseling and testing, veterans must bring honorable discharge papers.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).

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PRESS ROUNDUP

The 'Times' versus the 'Times'

THE TIMES correspondent Walter M. Daniels writes a very un-Times-like admission of U. S. policy in Germany. Contrary to the usual Times argument that what we are trying to do in the occupied zones is revive democracy and stamp out Nazism, Daniels says:

"Numerous American Army officers... as well as correspondents... who have observed developments in the occupation zones... would disagree. (With out their directives, we placed out of them would hold that our policy... is designed more to counter Russian than Nazi influence. When the Russians turned to the 'Left' for Germans to carry out their directives, we placed out support behind Rightist parties, toward which the unliquidated remnants of Nazi sympathizers naturally gravitate."

The amazing thing is how a piece such as this, contradicting numerous long-winded Times editorials, ever made print.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE does not like to create incidents where Communists may make an issue of the peoples' civil rights. The Trib decries roughhouse tactics by upstate bigots who attacked Communist election canvassers at Cooperstown, but only because it creates "martyrdom." "The principle of free elections is strong ground, far stronger than the countercharge of misrepresentation in securing signatures, and we may hear more of the martyrdom suffered at Cooperstown," says the Trib.

But in an earlier paragraph, it gives support to such tactics saying: Among those for whom life is not a series of serious perplexities, there may be secret sympathy with the alleged direct action of the embattled townspeople." Hear, hear! The Trib has made "embattled townspeople" of Cooperstown residents, who were "invaded" by Communists. When it comes to Communists, the Trib just can't work up the democratic spirit it lathers over other things.

THE NEWS editorializes on a burning issue—the increase of unmarried women looking for husbands. "About 3,500,000 American girls, who are now between the ages of 20 and 35, seem doomed to go through life as old maids," the News says. "If they prefer, they can employ the fancier term, bachelorette girl, but it's still a rather grim, postwar situation." Ah, its disheartening to see the grimness of things these days. A pallor of gloom must envelop the News office over this serious turn of events.

PM's Alexander H. Uhl notes that "The more you study this year's Congressional warm-up results, the more obvious it becomes that the great wave of conservatism that was supported to sweep the country after the war is a delusion. American people aren't quite as sheep-like as the NAM and the Republican—or for that matter Democratic—reactionary wings would like us to believe." Uhl says the American people are thinking these days and aren't taking the post World War I

Minnesota Tornado Kills 8, Injures 67

MANKATO, Minn., Aug. 18 (UP).—A tornado, ripping through Mankato and nearby Well, Minn., last night killed at least eight persons, injured 67 and caused property damage estimated at more than \$2,500,000, reports showed today.

Eight were killed and 60 injured here. Seven were hurt at Wells, but it suffered the greater damage.

Condolences

SINCEREST sympathy to Irving Polach upon the death of his mother, ALEX and ROSE.

"normalcy" outlook.

THE JOURNAL AMERICAN takes the next step in the Hearst smear pattern. In its campaign to "wipe out filthy literature," the Journal runs statements of Los Angeles and Chicago "civic leaders." The old yarn about the Hearst editor who has a list of cronies who will say anything about anything sounds apropos here.

CHICAGO VETS STOP G.L.K. SMITH MEETING

CHICAGO, Aug. 18. — Efforts of race-hate monger Gerald L.K. Smith to address a rally, booked as a meeting of "Regular Republicans," were stopped cold here.

A picket-line of veterans and other anti-fascists forced the Stevens Hotel management to cancel the secretly-arranged fascist gathering. Efforts to switch the rally to the Morrison Hotel were also blocked.

Running fist-fights took place in the two hotel lobbies, when pickets were attacked by a guard led by Kirk Dilling, the son of Mrs. Elizabeth

Dilling, notorious fascist. Dilling arranged the attempted meetings for Smith.

Victor H. Hirsch, Commander of American Legion Post No. 965, one

of the pickets who was attacked by Kirk Dilling suffered bruises and a cut knuckle. Dilling, it is reported, is sporting a couple black eyes as a result of the fracas.

Rochester City Workers to Strike

ROCHESTER, Aug. 18.—AFL Municipal employees here will go on "vacation" tomorrow morning in protest against the city administration's violation of the agreement with city workers which followed the Rochester general strike last May. The walkout of city workers has

been brewing for three weeks. When the city council turned down the final appeal of AFL business agent Alphonse Rossi Friday night, the union had no recourse but to vote a "vacation" beginning tomorrow.

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BOOKS

FILMS

THE ARTS



The Late, Great Profile, John Barrymore, was starred by Warner Bros. in "Don Juan," first commercially successful sound film ever presented. Mary Astor also was in "Don Juan," introduced in New York in August, 1926. Today, 20 years later, Warners are at work on "Adventures of Don Juan," starring the great profile Errol Flynn. Time marches on?

Films Ram 'U.S. Story' Down World's Throat

HOLLYWOOD.—Like it or not, Betty Grable, Gable and Garson, Donald Duck and Humphrey Bogart have become the guinea pigs of American imperialism. We've heard of the "iron curtain"; we know about the "velvet curtain"; now we have the prospect of the "silver screen" encircling the world.

Donald Nelson, of war production fame and now president of the Independent Motion Picture Producers Association, has said that the whole economy of this country is reflected in the foreign trade program of the U. S. picture industry. "The problems of the motion picture industry are not isolated examples of foreign trade problems. What happens to the motion picture industry is a forerunner of what will happen to this nation's entire economy."

But Nelson does not mention that what happens to the motion picture industries of other countries is a forerunner of what American imperialism expects to do to the entire economies of those countries and the world.

Already Hollywood has virtually destroyed the French film industry. By the terms of an agreement forced into the loan to France, 70 percent of the films seen by Frenchmen on the screens of French theaters will be Hollywood films. Technically, according to the agreement, this 70 percent is open to the competition of all the world's film industries.

But the real meaning of this "competition" was made clear by Leon Blum, who tried to defend the agreement by pointing out that the French were allowed 30 percent of their own film playing time, while the agreements with Britain and Italy only allowed the British 22 percent and the Italians only 17 percent.

Add to this the fact that the U. S. film industry survived the war unharmed, swollen with the gigantic profits of the wartime boom, while the industries of every other country suffered the effects of wartime dislocation and physical destruction.

Further, the film industries of other countries must rely, in large part, on new equipment supplied by the U. S. monopolies.

So that while U. S. films reach foreign markets only after they have already returned a profit in this country, films produced in other countries are produced at fabulously high costs—and at the mercy of the U. S. industry.

HOLIDAY IN MEXICO. Screenplay by Isobel Lennart based on a story by William Kozlenko. Directed by George Sidney. Produced by Joe Pasternak for M-G-M. Cast includes the new singing star Jane Powell, Walter Pidgeon, Hona Massey and Roddy McDowall. At the Capitol.

American films can be sold cheaper, under-cutting and eventually freezing out foreign films.

Because a can of film is small and light and can be easily shipped along with food or medicine or military supplies—or even a diplomatic pouch—the film is an ideal advance guard for American imperialism. But film has a second and more serious job to do for a rampant monopoly capitalism.

According to a high government official quoted in the Film Daily, "this government is not so much interested in American motion pictures as a commercial venture or the vanguard of United States trade as it is in the value of motion pictures as an international weapon."

'DISTINCT PATTERN'

There is a distinct pattern to the concentration of the motion picture industry abroad, even as there is a pattern to the concentration of U. S. troops and air bases. Its emphasis on the Americas is already well known.

But recently, negotiations were undertaken between the Seong family in China and RKO, an Atlas Corporation baby, for the construction and operation of 2,000 theaters "in China's outlying areas, for mass education and entertainment."

On a smaller scale, MGM has signed a 52 week contract covering 18 permanent 16 millimeter theaters in the Philippines.

The film industries of countries like Yugoslavia, Belgium and Holland are being boycotted, denied films and equipment until those countries give up their right to pass on the number and kind of films to be shown in their theatres.

POSITION CLEAR

The cat was let out of the bag by Donald Nelson, when he warned the industry in the United States that America must get into markets such as China, or the Soviet Union would beat them there.

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Keep His Hands Off!

By Samuel Sillen

HEARST'S campaign to set up a "literary czar" for the book-publishing industry gains momentum every day. This is not just a whim on the part of Goering's friend. He is going at this censorship crusade hammer and tongs in many cities.

Every day lost in exposing the real purposes of this "anti-filth" campaign is a blow to freedom. On this issue it is suicidal for writers and publishers to be complacent. You can't shrug off this fascist threat. You have to fight it and fight it hard.

Hearst is losing no time. He is plastering the front page of every issue with an appeal to hysteria, portraying the whole book industry as a vast sewer of lewdness. He is lining up support among mass organizations like National Commander John Stelle, of the American Legion, who "pledges the support" of the Legion's 3,300,000 members. He is featuring statements of support from popular magazine writers like Faith Baldwin and Helen Hull.

This campaign against "realism," which Hearst equates with "filth," is the latest stage in a carefully worked-out program to throttle the arts and sciences.

ATTACK ON SCIENCE

In a previous stage Hearst developed a full-scale attack on scientific research under the slogan of "anti-vivisection." The demagogic trick he used was the "Be Kind to Animals" appeal.

"Save our pets," the noble-minded Hearst implored daily as he whipped up a crusade against the foundations of medical science. Everybody who spoke up for modern science was portrayed as a criminal butcher.

That drive nearly resulted in the passage of an anti-vivisection bill in the last session of the New York State Legislature. Only the organized efforts

of the medical profession stopped it. That fight is by no means over, however.

Today everybody who opposes the phony "anti-filth" campaign is being painted as a wanton and a pervert. And, of course, as a "Communist," which in Hearst's vocabulary means every anti-fascist. The method parallels Hitler's attack on "Cultural Bolshevism." It has the same objective.

The bludgeon technique may be seen in the statements featured daily. One warns that "the publishing world should police itself before a governmental authority is forced to." Another calls for a "czar for the industry who would set up a code of ethics by which the publishers would be morally bound."

BOOK 'CZAR'

This intimidation device is supported by Arthur Brentano, Jr., head of the largest independently owned book store chain in the country, who is quoted as saying: "I think the establishment of a 'czar' among the book publishers, similar to that in the motion picture industry, is one solution."

Just what would this "solve"? Would the "czar," under pressure from the Legion of Decency, permit the publication of an "unpurified" Shakespeare? Don't laugh. The Hays office proposed to edit the British screen version of *Henry V*. It found such expressions as "Norman bastards" offensive, and wanted the words to be changed to "dastards."

As Thomas Bledsoe points out in a recent issue of *The Protestant*, "British critics found themselves bewildered by a censorship that has allowed Hollywood to make its glamor girls a world symbol of sex appeal, but is unable to stomach a few Anglo-Saxonisms."

The "czar" principle is not aimed at "filth" (which gets all sorts of blessings of respectability), but at any realistic portrayal of life, against any maturity in art. It is a tool of reactionary special-interest groups.

Imagine a book industry dominated by a Hearst-sponsored czar! Keep Hearst's hands off America's books!

Bach Music At A Band Concert

The 29th season of Goldman Band concerts, under the direction of Edwin Franko Goldman, which were given in Central Park and Prospect Park, ended on Sunday, Aug. 11. The closing concert was the 1,696th of the free summer series.

Programs devoted to the works of a single composer such as Bach, Wagner, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Schubert, etc., were generally received with the most interest. In all, 107 composers were represented on the program during the season; 32 of whom were American composers.

Most of the music by the American composers was contemporary music and much of it was given its first performance by the Goldman Band.

The composer whose works were most frequently performed was Johann Sebastian Bach, with a total of 47 performances. Tchaikovsky was second with 38 performances.

LARGE AUDIENCES

Playing a program of Bach music at a band concert would not have been possible 25 years ago. Firstly, the audience probably would have walked away and, secondly, enough of such music was not available.

Today, the audiences are very large no matter what the program offers. Music which was written directly for band was specially featured this past season, and the three programs of original works for band proved to be among the most successful.

Consistent with its imperialist ambitions, the film industry carries out its policy at home by trying to split the labor movement within the industry into jurisdictional camps, trying to hold down wages; at the same time, threatening to raise film rentals and therefore increase theater admissions at the expense of the general public. All with the direct blessing and encouragement of the Administration in Washington.

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Negroes Fear Mob Action In Alabama

By Harry Raymond

ATHENS, Ala., Aug. 18.—An atmosphere of dangerous uneasiness hovered over this southern town during the first shopping week-end since the mob outbreak against Negroes a week ago. The 18-man special grand jury probe of the outbreak, ordered by circuit Judge James Crowe, Jr., to begin tomorrow, and mobilization of extra state patrolmen and local police are not considered by the 1,500 Negroes of the community a sufficient guard against another lynch attempt. Athens has a population of 3,500.

Settlement Reached In Press Strike

An agreement to settle all issues of the 13-day-old Press Wireless strike by arbitration was reached early yesterday.

The settlement came after an all-night session between Joseph P. Selly and Joseph S. Kehoe, of the CIO American Communications Association, with A. Warren Norton, Press Wireless president and Fred Livingston, for the U. S. Department of Labor Conciliation Service. Arbitrator agreed on was Arthur

S. Meyer, chairman of the New York State Board of Mediation.

More than 2,000 members of the ACA have refused to handle press messages for international radio and cable companies because of the strike.

The agreement was accepted unanimously by the ACA strike strategy committee, representing the 300 strikers, yesterday at 2 p.m. and was presented last night to the striking workers for ratification.

The strike will end 24 hours after Meyer rules on whether the company should have arbitrated the layoff of 46 employees.

Hearings on this point will be held today at 2 p.m. and it is expected that Meyers will rule on the question later in the day.

Issues to be arbitrated include: Whether, in view of work to be done, Press Wireless, Inc. is justified in laying off employees; union demands of reduction from a 40 to 35 hour week and a cost of living bonus.

Virtually no Negroes appeared in the shopping district yesterday.

Robert N. Cannon, manager of the Ritz Theatre reported the Jimcrow gallery was empty during all performances.

KLAN GATHERS

Meanwhile Ku Klux Klan elements, gathered in knots on street corners, continue to call for further mob action against the Negro ex-serviceman who defended himself against two white veterans in front

of Ritz Theatre a week ago.

It was first reported that two Negroes clashed with Roy and Ben Massey, the white veterans who were later arrested and released after a mob stormed the jail demanding they be turned out. The Masseys actually attacked one man, L. O. Horton, an employee of the Ritz Theatre.

The screen door of the jail was torn down and part of the mob surged upstairs. The Masseys were released without charge. A few minutes later, a white man mounted a bread truck, calling on the mob to search for the Negro.

The mob tore through streets beating Negro men, women and children, indiscriminately. Among those whipped by the mob were several cripples.

NO HOSPITAL FOR NEGROES

The injured dressed their own wounds. There is no hospital for Negroes in Limestone County.

Ten white men were finally arrested and released on bail, ranging from \$300 to \$600, charged with unlawful assembly.

W. C. Starkey, a white man, and real estate operator, courageously stood up against the mob. He was flogged three times by the mobsters.

One member of the mob made a public apology. He is H. S. Todd. The Limestone Democrat, local newspaper, carried Todd's picture and under it this statement which he asked be printed:

"I want to apologize for the part I played in the unnecessary disturbance Saturday. It is with shame that I face you people. I have learned my lesson and I apologize to everyone."

Town Mayor, R. H. Richardson, announced he was "alarmed" over the incident.

The Grand Jury investigation is expected to last three days.

NEGROES THREATEND

Leading Negro citizens asserted that State Safety Director Van B. Gilbert, who is here with a detachment of state policemen, visited them advising that FBI agents had reported Louis E. Burnham, Executive Secretary of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, was on his way to Athens from Birmingham by bus. . .

According to the Negroes, Gilbert advised them to tell Burnham to "get the hell out."

Burnham reported a highway patrol car trailed his bus from Decatur to Athens, a distance of 14 miles, and that he was shadowed by law officers wherever he went in Athens.

Truman in R. I.

QUONSET POINT, R. I., Aug. 18 (UP).—The yacht Williamsburg, carrying President Truman on his first vacation since he took office, docked at the naval air station here at 4 p.m. today after a leisurely 50-hour cruise from Washington.

China Communist Offensive Sweeps On

Two hundred thousand Communist troops pushed to within four miles of Kaifeng, ancient capital of Honan Province in Central China and captured government garrisons along a 100-mile front in a

sweeping offensive, it was reported yesterday by United Press from Nanking.

Chinese press reports said Gen. Chen Cheng, army chief of staff, rushed to the front after conferring with Chiang Kai-shek in an effort to stem the new offensive.

Gen. Liu Po-Chen's victorious Communist army was said to have captured all important towns along the Lunghai railway between Kaifeng and Suchow, important commercial center of northern Kiangsu Province, and was pressing on the two large cities.

One force of 10,000 Communists reportedly captured two Kuomintang rail guard companies four miles from Kaifeng and cut the Hankow-Peking-Tientsin-Mukden rail line—Chiang's chief land supply route to Manchuria.

Meanwhile, at Tatung, 335 miles north of Kaifeng, a Kuomintang garrison was surrounded, news dispatches said.

The government newspaper Hsin Sheng-pao at Peiping published a Manchurian dispatch which said that Mukden has been under martial law since last Thursday as a result of Communist activities outside the city.

The Yen'an Emancipation Daily in its editorial yesterday demanded that Communists be allowed to participate in the Paris peace conference, the Control Commission for Japan and other international bodies in which China has representatives.

In a "call to arms," the Communist newspaper called on the Chi-

nese people to "mobilize and shatter Chiang Kai-shek's offensive."

It again accused the United States of collaboration with Chiang's forces and said that Communists had "over-estimated the honesty of the U. S. Government in adhering to Moscow conference decisions."

Meanwhile, a Communist spokesman, Fan Chang-kiang, denied that the Communists would boycott Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. Presidential envoy to China, in future negotiations, but he accused Marshall of being "partial" to the Kuomintang since last April

TOLL RISES IN CALCUTTA

The casualty toll in Calcutta's three days of rioting between Moslems and Hindus has reached 1,000 killed and 4,000 seriously injured, police estimated yesterday, as new clashes continued.

Two battalions of British troops in armored cars patrolled the city to reinforce 10,000 native policemen. But mobs reformed and continued looting and fighting as troops moved on after dispersing them.

Scenes of incredible violence stained Calcutta's streets with blood yesterday as the riots, stem-

ming from a Moslem call for "direct action" demonstrations against British-Hindu plans for a new government, reached a new peak of fury.

Meanwhile, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the Moslem League, warned that "unprecedented and most dangerous and disastrous consequences" would follow establishment of a national provisional government by the Congress Party unless it reaches an agreement beforehand with the Moslem League.

AFL Meet to Debate Dewey Support

Governor's Record Does Not Merit Indorsement

By Max Gordon

The State Federation of Labor convention opens in Rochester today with Gov. Thomas E. Dewey as the main speaker.

During the past few weeks, there has been a furious campaign among Federation leaders to secure the Federation endorsement for the Governor.

A "labor committee for Dewey," headed by James Burke of the Rochester building trades council, has been organized.

On the record, there is little basis for support by the AFL. The drive for it can be explained largely by the fact that the Governor bribed members of the AFL hierarchy with appointments to lucrative state posts.

The Governor has also skillfully

used and promoted AFL-CIO disunity to win support from some of the craft officials.

The State Federation, in its own analysis of the record of the 1946 session of the Dewey-controlled Legislature, noted that only 10 of the 150 bills advanced by the Federation were passed. Of these, only two were of any importance and they only partially covered the AFL program.

One advanced maximum workmen's compensation payments from \$25 a week to \$28, instead of the \$35 asked by the AFL.

The other advanced compensation coverage to domestics. This, however, was largely a fraud because coverage was not made compulsory.

The other eight AFL demands won were relatively minor craft concessions.

From an overall viewpoint, the four years of the Dewey administration have seen only a single major reform, the state FEPC. That came about only after the most extensive popular demand for a measure in the state's history, and after it was sidetracked one year by the Governor.

The strongest ammunition, as far as the record is concerned, which foes of the Governor will use, is the performance of the New York GOP delegation in Congress.

With Dewey keeping completely silent, the bulk of that delegation

backed all the measures to shackle labor proposed; voted to cripple OPA, the emergency housing bill and the full employment bill; lined up on every other measure supported by labor with the tory GOP-politix bloc.

It is felt that Dewey, in his capacity as head of both the national and state GOP bodies and as Governor of the nation's largest state, had no right to keep quiet while his party in Congress was going on a reactionary rampage.

A telling issue against Dewey is his behavior with regard to civil service workers, whom the AFL has been organizing in the western part of the state.

He has made speeches attacking such organization. These speeches have been used by local GOP administrations to try to bar them.

Despite a provision of the State Constitution giving all workers the right to organize, Dewey turned down pleas of the Rochester AFL to intervene to protect that right. Rochester leaders say he was derelict in his duty to uphold the Constitution.

That is why they have condemned him and instructed their delegates to back Sen. James M. Mead for Governor.

8,000 Mourn Ga. Victims in Detroit

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, Aug. 18.—Eight thousand Detroiters marched through in a memorial parade for the two Negro couples lynched in Walton County, Georgia.

The parade passed the Sojourner Truth monument before City Hall and assembled in Cadillac Square.

Speakers demanded the removal of Attorney General Tom Clark by President Truman for failure to act.

Among 40 organizations participating were:

The American Legion, the American Veterans Committee, the National Maritime Union, Local 600 of the CIO United Automobile Workers, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Detroit CIO Council, and the National Negro Congress.



This Map shows some of the ports around the Great Lakes which have been affected by the strike called by the CIO National Maritime Union in an effort to win a 40-hour week and other concessions.